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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 424.1 Basis and scope.

(a) *Statutory basis.* (1) This part is based on the indicated provisions of the following sections of the Act:

1814—Basic conditions for, and limitations on, Medicare payments for Part A services.

1815—Payment to providers for Part A services.

1820—Conditions for designating certain hospitals as critical assess hospitals.

1835—Procedures for payment to providers for Part B services.

1842(b)(3)(B)(ii)—Assignment of Part B Medicare claims.

1842(b)(6)—Payment to entities other than the supplier.

1848—Payment for physician services.

1870(e) and (f)—Settlement of claims after death of the beneficiary.

(2) Section 424.444(c) is also based on section 216(j) of the Act.

(b) *Scope.* This part sets forth certain specific conditions and limitations applicable to Medicare payments and cites other conditions and limitations set forth elsewhere in this chapter. This subpart A provides a general over-

view. Other subparts deal specifically with— $\,$

- (1) The requirement that the need for services be certified and that a physician establish a plan of treatment (subpart B);
- (2) The procedures and time limits for filing claims (subpart C);
- (3) The individuals or entities to whom payment may be made (subparts D and E);
- (4) The limitations on assignment and reassignment of claims (subpart F):
- (5) Special requirements that apply to services furnished by nonparticipating U.S. hospitals and foreign hospitals (subparts G and H); and
- (6) The replacement and reclamation of Medicare payment checks (subpart M).
- (c) Other applicable rules. Except for §424.40(c)(3), this part does not deal with the conditions for payment of rural health clinic (RHC) services, Federally qualified health center (FQHC) services, or ambulatory surgical center (ASC) services. Those conditions are set forth in part 405, subpart X, and part 481 subpart A of this chapter for RHC and FQHC services; and in part 416 of this chapter, for ASC services. The rules for physician certification of terminal illness, required in connection with hospice care, are set forth in §418.22 of this chapter.

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§ 424.3 Definitions.

As used in this part, unless the context indicates otherwise—

HCPCS means HCFA Common Procedure Coding System.

ICD-9-CM means International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification.

Nonparticipating hospital means a hospital that does not have in effect a provider agreement to participate in Medicare.

Participating hospital means a hospital that has in effect a provider agreement to participate in Medicare.

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